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HOUSE BILL NO. 1290

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government, April 15, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 55.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to political subdivisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 55.030, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 55.030 and 71.275, to read as

3 follows:

55.030. The county auditor of a county [of the first class] having a charter form of government shall prescribe, with the approval of the governing body of the county and the state auditor, the accounting system of the county. He shall keep accounts of all appropriations and expenditures made by the governing body of the county; and no warrant shall be drawn or obligation incurred without his certification that an unencumbered balance, sufficient to pay the same, remains in the appropriation account against which such warrant or obligation is to be charged. He shall audit and examine all accounts, demands, and claims of every kind and character presented for payment against such county, and shall approve 10 to the governing body of the county all lawful, true, and just accounts, demands, and claims of every kind and character payable out of the county revenue or out 11 of any county funds before the same shall be allowed and a warrant issued 12 therefor. Whenever the county auditor deems it necessary to the proper 13 examination of any account, demand, or claim, he may examine the parties, witnesses, and others on oath or affirmation touching any matter or circumstance 15 in the examination of such account, demand, or claim. At the direction of the 16

governing body of the county, he shall audit the accounts of all officers and 17 employees of the county and upon their retirement from office and shall keep a 18 correct account between the county and all county officers; and he shall examine 19 20all records and settlements made by them for and with the governing body of the 21county or with each other; and the county auditor shall, at all reasonable times, 22have access to all books, county records, or papers kept by any county or township officer, employee, or road overseer. He may keep an inventory of all county 23property under the control and management of the various officers and 24departments and shall annually take an inventory of any such property at an 2526original value of [two hundred fifty] one thousand dollars or more showing the 27 amount, location and estimated value thereof. He shall perform such other duties in relation to the fiscal administration of the county as the governing body of the 2829county shall from time to time prescribe. The county auditor shall not be personally liable for any costs for any proceeding instituted against him in his 30 official capacity. 31

71.275. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, if the governing body of any municipality finds it in the public interest that a parcel of land within a research, development, or office park project established under section 172.273, that is contiguous and compact to the existing corporate limits of the municipality and located in an unincorporated area of the county, should be located in the municipality, such municipality may annex such parcel, provided that the municipality obtains written consent of all the property owners located within the unincorporated area of such parcel.

